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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC General Military Information

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VALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

DATE OF CONTENT 20 August to 14 September 1953

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AT OBTAINED [redacted]

DATE PREPARED 30 September 1953

REFERENCES [redacted]

AGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE) [redacted]

REMARKS [redacted]

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1. On about 20 August, one of the soldiers of the Soviet railroad guard detail [redacted] in Muellrose produced his pass, stating jubilantly that they were again permitted to enter German restaurants, come into contact with the civilian population and buy alcoholic beverages. On 31 August, the inn-keeper of an excursion restaurant in Kaisermuehl near Muellrose said that, on 30 August, soldiers from the tank camp whom he had refused to serve hard liquor [redacted] in addition to beer had demolished part of his furniture. He said that a delegation [redacted] appeared at his restaurant to pay him a compensation. They declared that they were prepared to pay all damage done. 25X1C
2. On 28 August, a command post at which numerous telephone lines converged was located in a woods about 200 meters east of kilometer mark 23.3 of the Naumburg-Markrohlitz road. Three SU-76 were nearby. Three light AT guns were employed for road protection just north of point 129 where the road to Dobi-chau branched off. Skirmishers supported by AT guns advanced against a position which crossed the road southwest of Markrohlitz and ran in the direction of Goeseck-Poedelst.<sup>2</sup> 25X1C
3. A shoemaker who frequently worked for the troops from the Reuss Kaserne in Gera quartered at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds stated that the bulk of the units was still at the troop training grounds on 2 September. He said that the troops would return to their post not earlier than October.<sup>3</sup>
4. On 9 September, 50 flatcars with sideracks and 10 converted boxcars were made available in Jueterbog. On 9 September, 40 flatcars with sideracks were loaded with trucks [redacted] and 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Jueterbog railroad station. The train left toward Berlin. 25X1C
5. On 9 September, 12 officers and 8 EM who wore tank and artillery insignia and carried baggage, boxes and rubber for soles arrived in Eisenach by rail, coming from the direction of Weissenfels. Truck [redacted] had come for them. On 10 September, 22 officers and 12 EM who carried similar baggage and came from the direction of Naumburg were transported to the troop training grounds by truck [redacted]. 25X1C

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- 25X1 6. At 8 a.m. on 10 September, a signal unit was detrained at the Weimar freight station and left for the Nachrichten Kaserne. [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] trucks with signal equipment and several radio trucks, [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] 25X1C
7. At 6:30 a.m. on 14 September, JS-3 tanks, [redacted] three SU-249 25X1C  
 guns including [redacted] T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] 25X1C  
 and trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Wittenberg railroad station.
8. On 2 and 3 September, Soviet columns with artillery, rocket launchers and pontoons were seen passing through Neuruppin toward west. Other columns with rocket launchers moved in the same direction from 9 p.m. on 5 September to 4 a.m. on 6 September.

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25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. Compare previous reports [redacted] on this exercise 25X1C  
 in the area of Naumburg. [redacted]  
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25X1A 3. [redacted] Comment. The 308th Arty Brig (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mts Rifle Corps stationed at the Reuss Kaserne transferred to Ohrdruf on 9 trains from 20 to 22 April 1953. In July 1953, [redacted] only 250 soldiers 25X1  
 at the Reuss Kaserne. [redacted] The brigade is thus 25X1A confirmed in Ohrdruf until 2 September 1953.

25X1A 4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] AA units of the 25X1C  
 Third Gds Mecz Army.

25X1A 5. [redacted] Comment. Motor vehicle [redacted] of the Eighth Gds Army were previously seen in the area of Kindel. 25X1C

25X1A 6. [redacted] Comment. Signal units of the Eighth Gds Army which had been loaded in Weimar for the command-post exercises in Mecklenburg on 28 August returned to Weimar from the Burg area in two trains on 8 and 9 September. For information on the Nachrichten Kaserne [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted]

25X1A 7. [redacted] Comment. These units of the 6th Gds Tank Div were reported with 25X1  
 the same tank [redacted] as loaded probably for Jueterbog. 25X1  
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25X1A 8. [redacted] Comment. The movements on 5 September were also reported [redacted] 25X1C  
 motor vehicle [redacted] of the JV Arty Corps and the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. According to date and direction of march, they may have been involved in the command-post exercises in Mecklenburg. This, however, is discredited by the fact that the troops had rocket launchers.

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